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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

October 24, 2000

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98, applicants hereby submit an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner.

I. List of Patents, Publications or other Information

The Patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

II. Copies

Copies of the references cited on the attached Form PTO-1449 are not enclosed because they were cited in the International Search Report (Attached) and copies should already be in the PTO file.

Furthermore, copies are not enclosed because each of the cited references were previously cited in the parent application, U.S. Serial Number 09/275,194.

If copies of the cited references are still needed by the Examiner, please contact the undersigned.

III. Concise Explanation of Relevance

The attached documents, publications, and/or other information attached hereto are in the English language and do not require a statement of relevancy. Additionally, an English language search report is attached, indicating the degree of relevance found by the international office, thereby satisfying the requirement for a concise explanation. See MPEP § 609(A)(3).

IV. Fees

The IDS is being filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b); before the mailing date of a first action on the merits (37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3)). No fee or statement is required.

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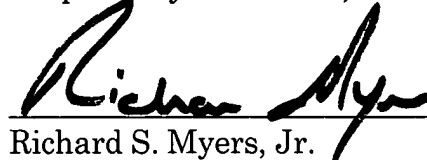
V. Payment of Fees

No fee is required.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this IDS, he/she is requested to contact the undersigned. If it is determined that this IDS has been filed under the wrong rule, the PTO is requested to consider this IDS under the proper rule (with a petition if necessary) and charge the appropriate fee to Deposit Account 23-0035.

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Enclosures: Form PTO-1449
International Search Report



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